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General Henry H. Shelton Honored with Congressional Gold Medal

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General Henry H. Shelton received the Congressional Gold Medal today in recognition of his performance as a military leader in coordinating the planning, strategy, and execution of the United States and NATO combat action and his invaluable contributions to the United States and to the successful return to peace in the Balkans as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Produced by the United States Mint, as authorized under Public Law 107–127, the medal commemorates the military service of General Henry H. Shelton. The obverse, designed and executed by United States Mint Sculptor/Engraver Donna Weaver, features a portrait of General Shelton with the inscription "GENERAL H. HUGH SHELTON CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS of STAFF" centered along the border of the medal.

The reverse, designed and executed by United States Mint Sculptor/Engraver John Mercanti, depicts General Shelton parachuting down from the top of the medal, with the inscription "In Recognition of His Leadership, Integrity and Professionalism in the Service of Our Nation" centered between two laurel branches, and "By Act of Congress 2002" next to the right laurel branch.

Duplicate three–inch bronze medals are available from the United States Mint for \$38.00 (Product ID Number 995), and the 1–1/2 inch miniature bronze replicas of the large medal are available for \$3.00 (Product ID Number 996).

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In addition, bronze duplicates of the General Henry H. Shelton medal are available at the Union Station Sales Center, 50 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. Washington, D.C., 20002. Customers may contact the Union Station Sales Center by calling (202) 289–0609. The bronze medals are also available at the Visitors Center at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, located at 15th and C Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20228. For additional information, customers can write to the Customer Care Center, United States Mint, Washington, D.C. 20220.

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